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BIFOCAL TRIAL LENSES*

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It is sometimes convenient to demonstrate to a patient, who has not worn them before, the usefulness of bifocal glasses. There is in existence a foreign trial frame in which the ordinary trial lens can be clipped in from below so that the upper part occupies the same position as the reading segment of a bifocal. This appears to be a clumsy arrangement since the lower portion of the lens may not clear the cheek and it would be useless where the trial lenses are small with a wide rim.

Mr. C. Davis Keeler made for me, some years ago, a box of trial lenses of the bifocal type, being plano above and having the usual reading additions up to +3 D sph. as the lower segment. The lenses are so marked that the reading portions can be placed vertically below or decentred inwards. Where a change of bifocals is being prescribed, these lenses make comparison of the old with the new glasses easier and more convincing.

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